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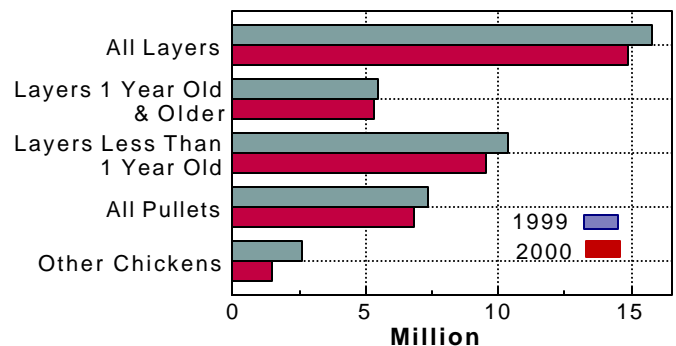
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DECEMBER 1 CHICKEN INVENTORY AND VALUES DOWN

The number of all chickens on December 1, 2000 (excluding commercial broilers) was 23.1 million birds, down 10 percent from December 1, 1999. **Potential layers** totaled 17.6 million, of which 84 percent were all layers and the remainder were pullets aged 13 weeks and older but less than 20 weeks. The total potential layers were down 6 percent from the previous year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2000 was \$99.3 million, down 24 percent from a year earlier. The average value per bird, at \$4.30, was down 16 percent.

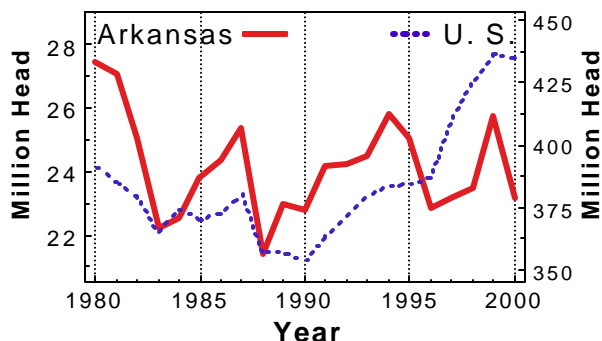
Arkansas Chicken Inventory by Class, 1999-2000



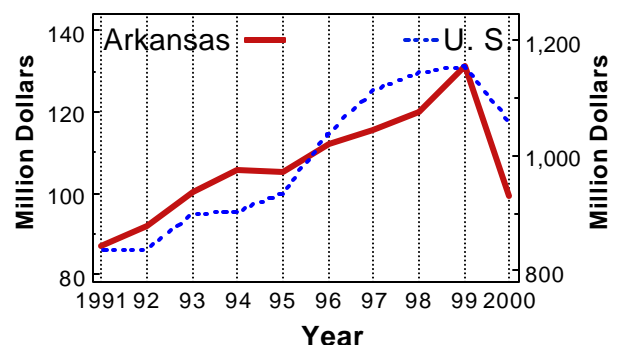
CHICKEN INVENTORY AND VALUE, ARKANSAS AND U. S., DECEMBER 1, 1999-2000

Item		ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
CHICKENS TOTAL	<i>1,000 Head</i>	25,773	23,145	-10	436,343	434,687	0
Value per Head	<i>Dollars</i>	5.10	4.30	-16	2.65	2.43	-8
Total Value	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	131,442	99,266	-24	1,154,898	1,058,252	-8
LAYERS TOTAL	<i>1,000 Head</i>	15,813	14,853	-6	329,320	332,205	+1
1 Year Old and Older	<i>1,000 Head</i>	5,448	5,293	-3	151,914	153,222	+1
20 Weeks Old, But Less Than 1 Year	<i>1,000 Head</i>	10,365	9,560	-8	177,406	178,983	+1
PULLETS TOTAL	<i>1,000 Head</i>	7,382	6,792	-8	97,362	94,408	-3
13 Weeks Old & Older, But Less Than 20 Weeks	<i>1,000 Head</i>	2,852	2,725	-4	38,587	38,325	-1
Under 13 Weeks of Age	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4,530	4,067	-10	58,775	56,083	-5
OTHER CHICKENS	<i>1,000 Head</i>	2,578	1,500	-42	9,661	8,074	-16

Total Chicken Inventory
December 1, 1980-2000, Arkansas and U. S.



Total Value of Chickens
December 1, 1991-2000, Arkansas and U. S.

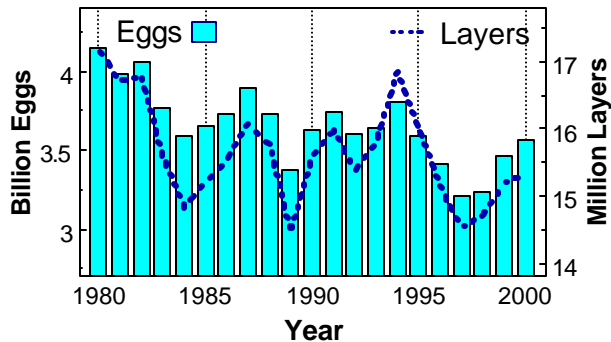


ANNUAL EGG PRODUCTION AND LAYERS, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999-2000

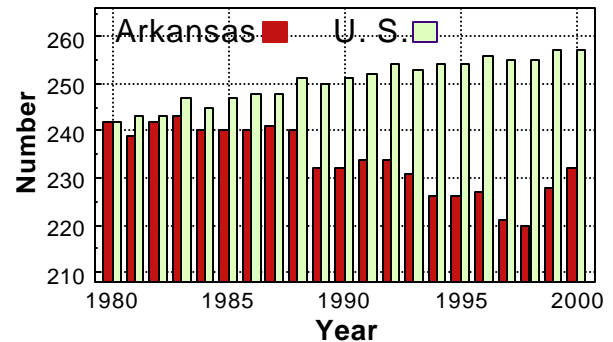
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Egg Production Total	<i>Million Eggs</i>	3,458	3,559	+3	82,715	84,412	+2
Table Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	1,238	1,352	+9	69,775	71,445	+2
Hatching Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	2,220	2,207	-1	12,940	12,967	0
All Layers 2/	<i>Thousands</i>	15,189	15,340	+1	322,354	327,908	+2
Eggs per Layer 3/	<i>Number</i>	228	232	+2	257	257	0

1/ Egg Production during year from December 1, previous year through November 30. 2/ Annual average number of layers during year ending November 30. 3/ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

Total Eggs Production and Average Number of Layers Arkansas, 1980-2000



Annual Egg Production per Layer Arkansas and U. S., 1980-2000

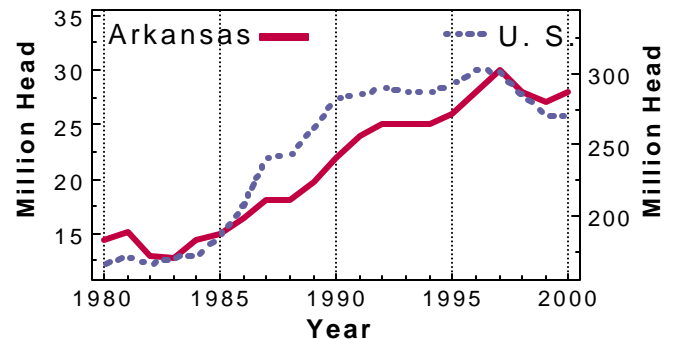


ARKANSAS TURKEY GROWERS PLAN TO RAISE SAME NUMBERS IN 2001

Turkeys raised during 2000 totaled 28.0 million, up 4 percent from 1999. Arkansas ranked third in the nation in turkeys raised following North Carolina and Minnesota for the ninth consecutive year. Arkansas turkey growers intend to raise 28.0 million birds during the year 2001, unchanged from the number raised in 2000.

Death loss rate for the South Central region which includes Arkansas was 11.3 percent of total poult placements in 2000, the same as in 1999. The total **poult placements** in the U.S. for the year ending August 2000 were 295.8 million, up slightly from the same period the previous year.

Turkeys Raised, 1980-2000



Turkeys Raised by Top 7 States 1/

State	1999 2/	2000 2/	2001	% Chg. 1999-00
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Minnesota	43,500	43,500	43,500	0
N. Carolina	44,000	41,000	41,500	-7
ARKANSAS	27,000	28,000	28,000	+4
Virginia	24,000	25,500	25,500	+6
Missouri	22,000	23,000	22,000	+5
California	17,500	18,000	18,000	+3
Indiana	13,500	13,500	13,500	0
U. S.	270,494	269,969	3/	0

1/ The top 7 states accounted for 71 percent of the turkeys produced in the U.S. in 1999 and 2000. 2/ Revised.

3/ U.S. intentions not available.

Death Loss by Region and U. S.

Young Turkeys Lost as a percent of Total Poults Placed			
Region	1998	1999	2000
	<i>Percent</i>		
E N Central 1/	10.8	10.2	10.9
W N Central 2/	11.0	11.6	12.2
N & S Atlantic 3/	10.2	10.3	9.6
S Central 4/	11.9	11.3	11.3
West 5/	10.7	10.8	11.7
U. S.	10.8	10.9	11.0

1/ IL, IN, MI, OH, WI. 2/ IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

3/ CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV. 4/ AL, ARKANSAS, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

5/ AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

ARKANSAS JANUARY CATTLE PRICES MOSTLY HIGHER

Compared with December 2000, the January prices received by Arkansas farmers for products sold were higher for wheat, and most classes of cattle; while prices decreased for grain sorghum, soybeans, hogs, eggs, and turkeys.

The January 2001 price changes from December 2000 and January 2000, respectively, are as follows:

Cotton: unchanged, and up 16.7 cents per pound.

Sorghum: down 1 cent, and up 51 cents per cwt.

Soybeans: down 16 cents, and down 1 cent per bushel.

Wheat: up 11 cents, and up 13 cents per bushel. **Beef**

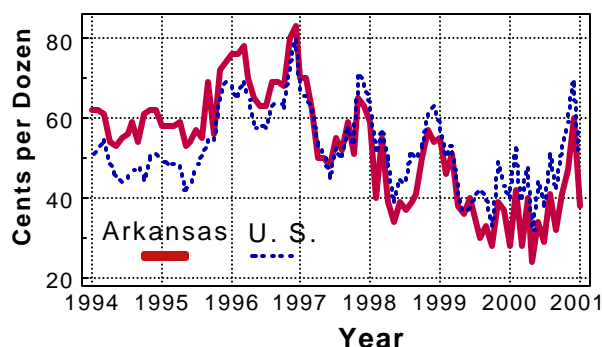
cattle: up 70 cents, and up \$1.90 per cwt. **Calves:** up

\$3.30, and up \$4.60 per cwt. **Hogs:** down \$3.10, and up 20

cents per cwt. **Table Eggs:** down 22 cents, and up 10 cents

per dozen.

**Table Egg Price Received by Month
Arkansas and U.S., 1994-2001**



MID-JANUARY PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, AND MARKETINGS, WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES			Parity Prices Jan. 2001
		Jan. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mid- Jan. 2001	Jan. 2000	Dec. 2000	Mid- Jan. 2001	
PRICES RECEIVED 1/ CROPS		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.91	1.97*	1.96	6.56
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	.448	.615*	.615	.431	.580*	.538	1.66
Cottonseed	Ton	-	97.00	-	100.00	110.00	109.00	253.00
Hay, All (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	72.90	85.10	84.90	
Hay, Alfalfa (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	76.00	91.00	91.30	
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.20	1.14*	1.17	3.75
Rice, All 2/ Sorghum Grain	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.02	5.60*	5.69	26.70
	Cwt.	3.39	3.91*	3.90	2.86	3.54*	3.53	11.20
Soybeans	Bu.	4.79	4.94*	4.78	4.62	4.78*	4.59	14.30
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.45	2.47*	2.58	2.51	2.87*	2.88	9.61
LIVESTOCK								
Calves	Cwt.	95.00	96.30*	99.60	103.00	106.00	108.00	207.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/ Cows 4/	Cwt.	64.70	65.90*	66.60	67.80	71.90*	74.60	157.00
	Cwt.	32.50	33.30*	35.70	35.90	36.50*	38.40	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	75.50	79.80	79.80	71.60	76.80*	79.30	
Milk Cows 5/	Head	-	-	-	1,330	-	1,320	
Hogs, All	Cwt.	33.70	37.00*	33.90	36.80	39.80*	37.10	103.00
DAIRY 6/								
Milk Sold to Plants, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.00	13.10*	13.50	32.00
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.00	13.10*	13.50	
Milk, Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.70	10.80	10.90	
POULTRY								
Broilers (Com'l) 7/ 8/	Lb.	-	-	-	.350	.350	.340	
Eggs (Table)	Doz.	.280	.600	.380	.397	.694	.503	1.55
Turkeys 7/	Lb.	.370	.430	.370	.364	.405	.366	.954
MARKETINGS 9/					Jan. 2000	Nov. 2000	Dec. 2000	
Cotton, Upland	1,000 Bales	-	-	-	2,319	1,434	1,524	
Rice	1,000 cwt.	-	-	-	18,260	12,191	12,427	

Commodities with no data are not estimated or published for the month. *Revised for full month price. 1/ Previous month and previous year prices for the entire month. Current mid-month prices are preliminary. 2/ Arkansas price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct. 6/ Arkansas estimates discontinued January 2000. 7/ Live weight equivalent price. 8/ Monthly estimates for individual state discontinued December 1999. 9/ Published for U.S. entire month only.

U.S. AVERAGE FARM HOUSEHOLD INCOME^{1/}, 1997-2001

Item	1997	1998	1999	Forecast	
				2000	2001
	Dollars per farm operator household				
Adjusted Farm Business Income	3,513	4,436	3,603	na	na
Plus Wages Paid to Operator	513	637	499	na	na
Plus Net Income from Farmland Rental	945	868	1,312	na	na
Equals Farm Self-employment Income	4,971	5,941	5,415	na	na
Plus Other Farm-Related Earnings	1,234	1,165	944	na	na
Equals Earnings from Farming Activities	6,205	7,106	6,359	4,600	2,651
Plus Earnings from Off-farm Sources 2/	46,358	52,628	57,988	60,058	62,178
Equals Average Farm Operator Household	52,562	59,734	64,347	64,658	64,829
U.S. Average Household Income 3/	49,692	51,855	54,842	na	na
Average Farm Operator Household Income	Percent				
Average Operator Household Income from Farming as Percent of Average Operator Household Income	11.8	11.9	9.9	na	na

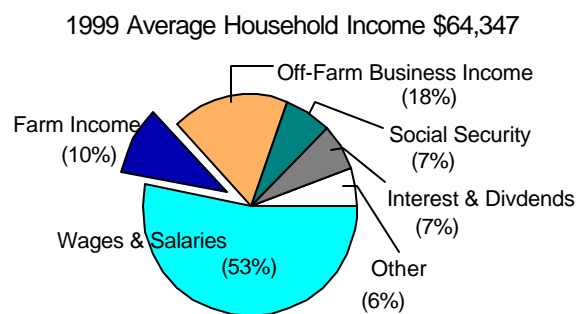
1/ Excludes income of contractors and landlords as well as the income of nonfamily corporations or cooperatives and farms run by a hired manager. 2/ Wages, salaries, net income from nonfarm businesses, interest, dividends, social security payments, etc.

3/ Data from U.S. Census Bureau. na - Not available.

Sources of Income for Average Farm Operator Household, U. S., 1998 and 1999

Income	1998	% of Total	1999	% of Total
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Wages & Salaries	32,262	54	33,541	53
Off-Farm Business	6,886	12	11,117	18
Farm Income	7,106	12	6,359	10
Social Security	4,702	8	4,545	7
Interest & Dividends	4,097	7	4,269	7
Other	4,682	8	3,516	6
Total	59,734		64,347	

Percentages may not add due to rounding.



Source: Agricultural Resource Management Study (ARMS), Agricultural Income and Finance Report, by Economic Research Service, USDA.